

MINUTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Jones offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Holder presided. **City Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards. **Absent:** Gwyn Hall

Staff Present: Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Jim Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief and Frankie Clifton, Police Captain. **Absent:** Brian Johnson, City Manager and David Lyons, Police Chief.

Presentation of the Employee of the Quarter Certificate: Mayor Holder presented the employee of the quarter certificate to Ann Robinson, Water Utilities Billing Manager.

Committee/Board Reports: PED Director presented to city council the Planning Commission/BOA minutes date 9/13/11.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the informal public comment portion of the meeting. There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Formal Public Comment: Mayor Holder said no formal requests were submitted to address city council at tonight's night.

Public Hearings:

PC1123, Zoning Text Amendment: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending zoning code chapter 90, article I, for the purpose of prohibiting ongoing vehicle sales from residential properties.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any question or comments.

PED Director said this ordinance amendment addresses ongoing code enforcement issues that we are having with vehicle sales on residential properties. He said only one vehicle can be displayed for sale at one time and the vehicle must be titled to the property owner. He said this also brings our ordinance more into compliance with state laws governing the sale of vehicles on residential properties.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

PC1124, Rezoning Request: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone properties owned by Cross Atlantic, LLC, located on Bourne Avenue and Highway 21. The City of Garden City requests to rezone 461 Bourne Avenue, 0 Bourne Avenue and 5410 Highway 21 from a Chatham County I and I-H zoning district to a Garden City I-2 zoning district.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

PC1125, Rezoning Request: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone property owned by SAVSO1, LLC. The City of Garden City requests to rezone 5418 Augusta Road from a Chatham County I-H zoning district to a Garden City C-2 zoning district.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

PC1126, Rezoning Request: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone property owned by Hilliard Realty Associates, No. 1 L.P. The City of Garden City requests to rezone 5414 August Road from a Chatham County I-H zoning district to a Garden City C-2A zoning district.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

PC1127, Rezoning Request: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone property owned by Hilliard Realty Associates, No. 2 L.P. The City of Garden City requests to rezone 5350 Augusta Road from a Chatham County I-H zoning district to a Garden City C-2A zoning district.

Mayor Holder asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the City Council minutes dated 8-15-11.

Staff Reports:

PED Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Finance Director presented the Finance Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operations Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

Captain Clifton presented the Police Department's Monthly Status Report.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Monthly Status Report.

City Manager Updates:

Deputy City Manager said at the last council meeting we received several concerns regarding the patching of potholes, grass cutting, etc. from a resident in the Rossignol Hill area. He said that public works crews have been working in the area and have repaired a number of potholes, cut the old Haynes School property, cut along the right-of-ways and cleaned ditches. He said we have performed a detailed street paving evaluation (i.e. Davis Avenue, Third Street, etc.) in the Rossignol hill area as part of the 2012 paving budget package.

Deputy City Manager said we have been working on the Georgia Housing Initiative for 2012. He said the application has been accepted and the next step in the process is the on-site interview on October 27th.

Deputy City Manager said last Wednesday we had our interview with DCA on our Water First initiative. He said Councilmember Bethune and Councilmember Jones attend the interview. He said Ann Robinson, Cory Salley, Charles Draeger, Katie Parrish and Scott Allison all contributed a lot of time and hard work on this project. He said we should be hearing back soon from DCA on our Water First designation.

Deputy City Manager said we are working with Chatham County Engineering on drainage issues relating to the Talmadge Canal.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading, Internet Café Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Chapter 22 of the said code to define and regulate an internet café as a business; by amending zoning Chapter 90, Articles I & II, to define and add internet cafes to the permitted uses listed in code section 90-47(b) which use shall be permitted in "C-2", "C-2A(B&W)", and "I-1" zoning districts in Garden City, Georgia, subject to gaining approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals and subject to certain other conditions; by amending Chapter 90, Article V, to establish parking requirements for internet cafes; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Jones said that he is opposed to the ordinance, because he feels it is not restrictive enough relating to children under 18 years old.

Councilmember Bethune said he feels that the ordinance is thoroughly written and addresses Councilmember Jones issues.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune to adopt the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Shuman and Councilmember Spilliards voted in favor with Councilmember Jones opposed.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted by City Council: 10/3/11